

Tools to Manage Jamf Pro(s) at Scale



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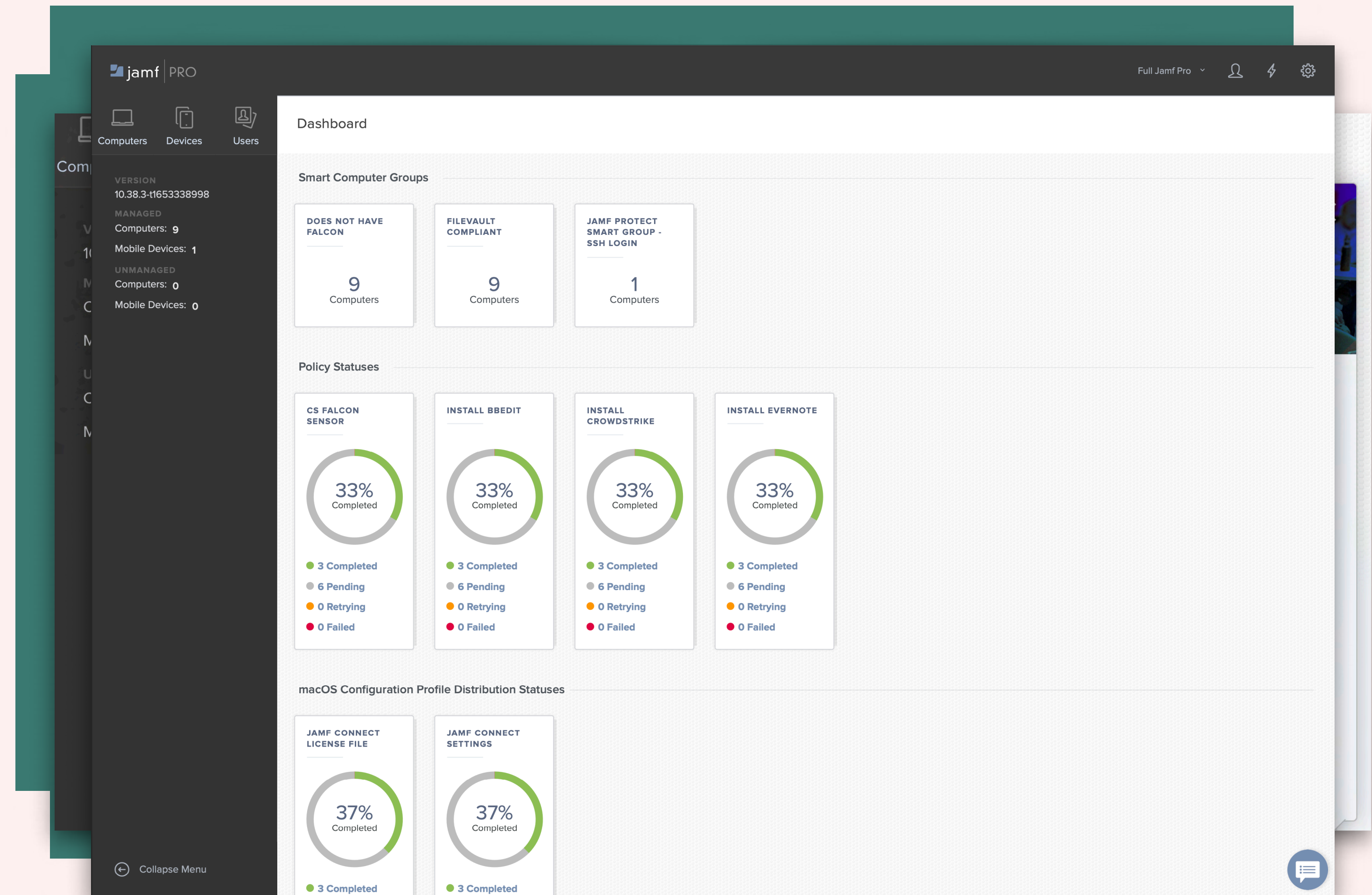
If you frequently provision new Jamf Pro instances, you know that configuring each new instance appropriately can be a time consuming and frustrating experience

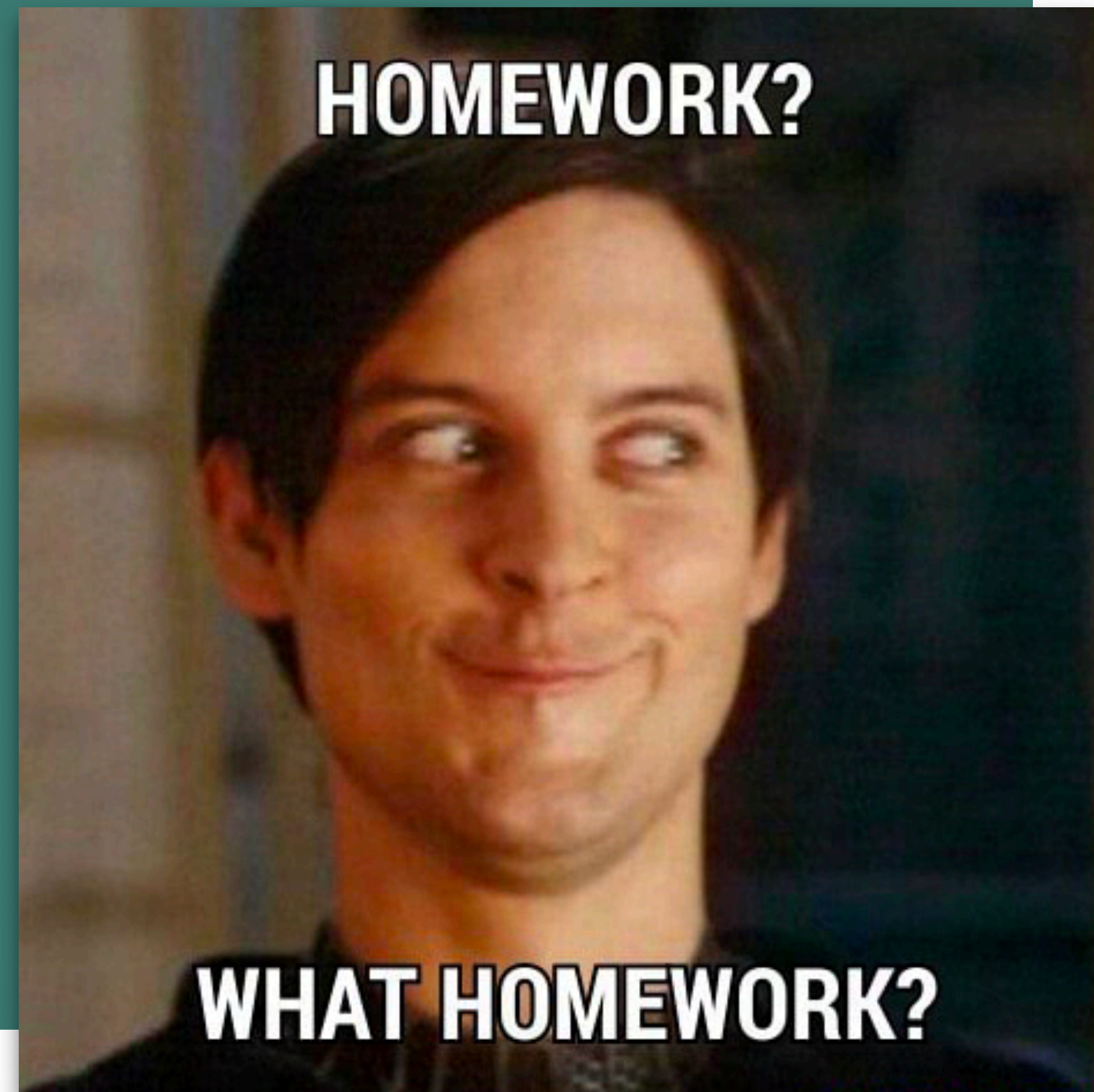
Follow along to see how adhering to a standard setup formula can bring some order to your (and your teams) life! 🤖

From a **Blank Canvas**...

- Create an expected baseline
- Have a consistent experience across all of your instances
- Configure it quickly! 🕒

...Your **Ideal** Jamf Instance





Homework First

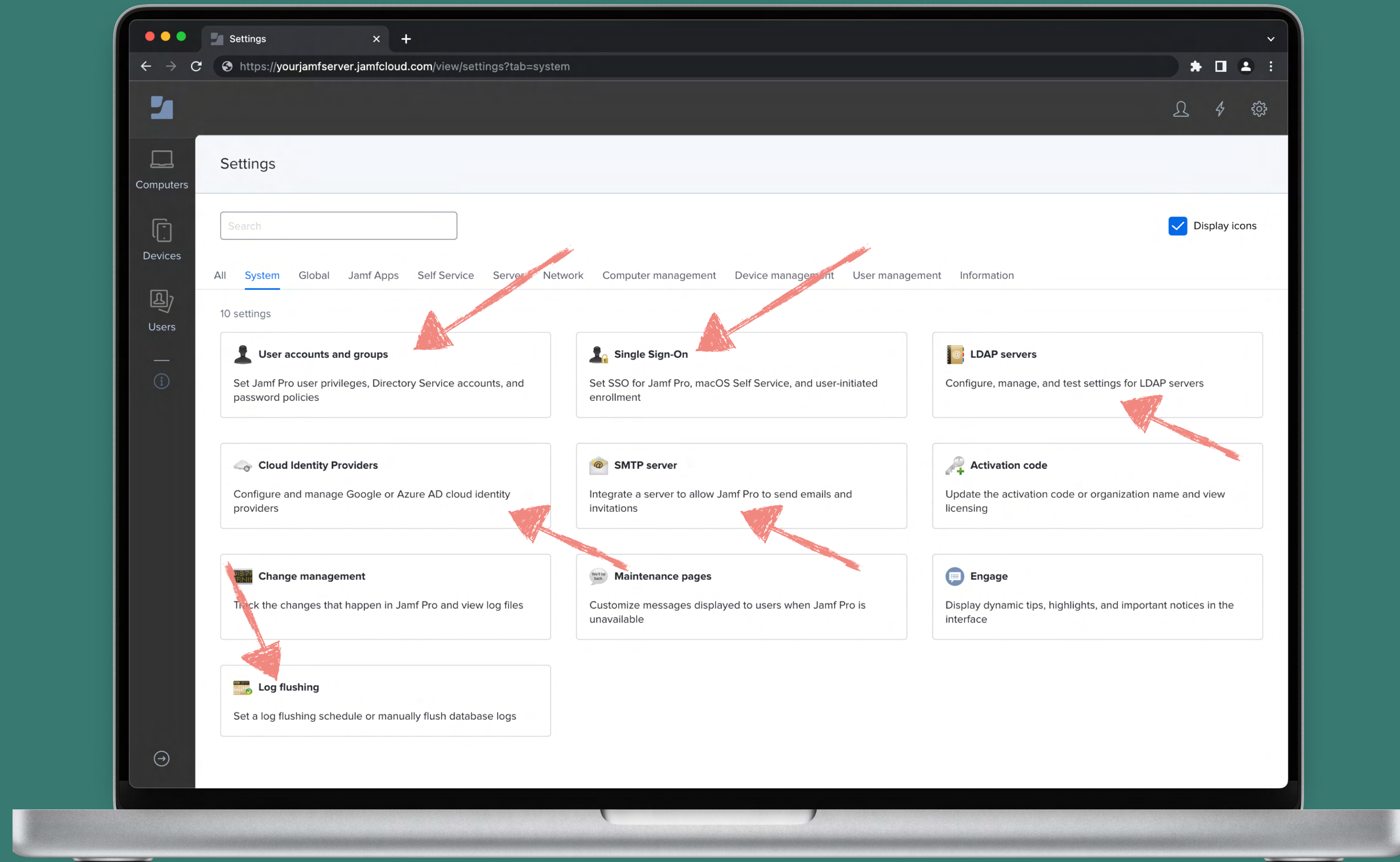
Create unique:

- Instance name
- Apple ID(s) for APNS, ABM/ASM
- Jamf ID (if applicable)
- Email Service Account
- Slack/Teams channel(s)

Settings...

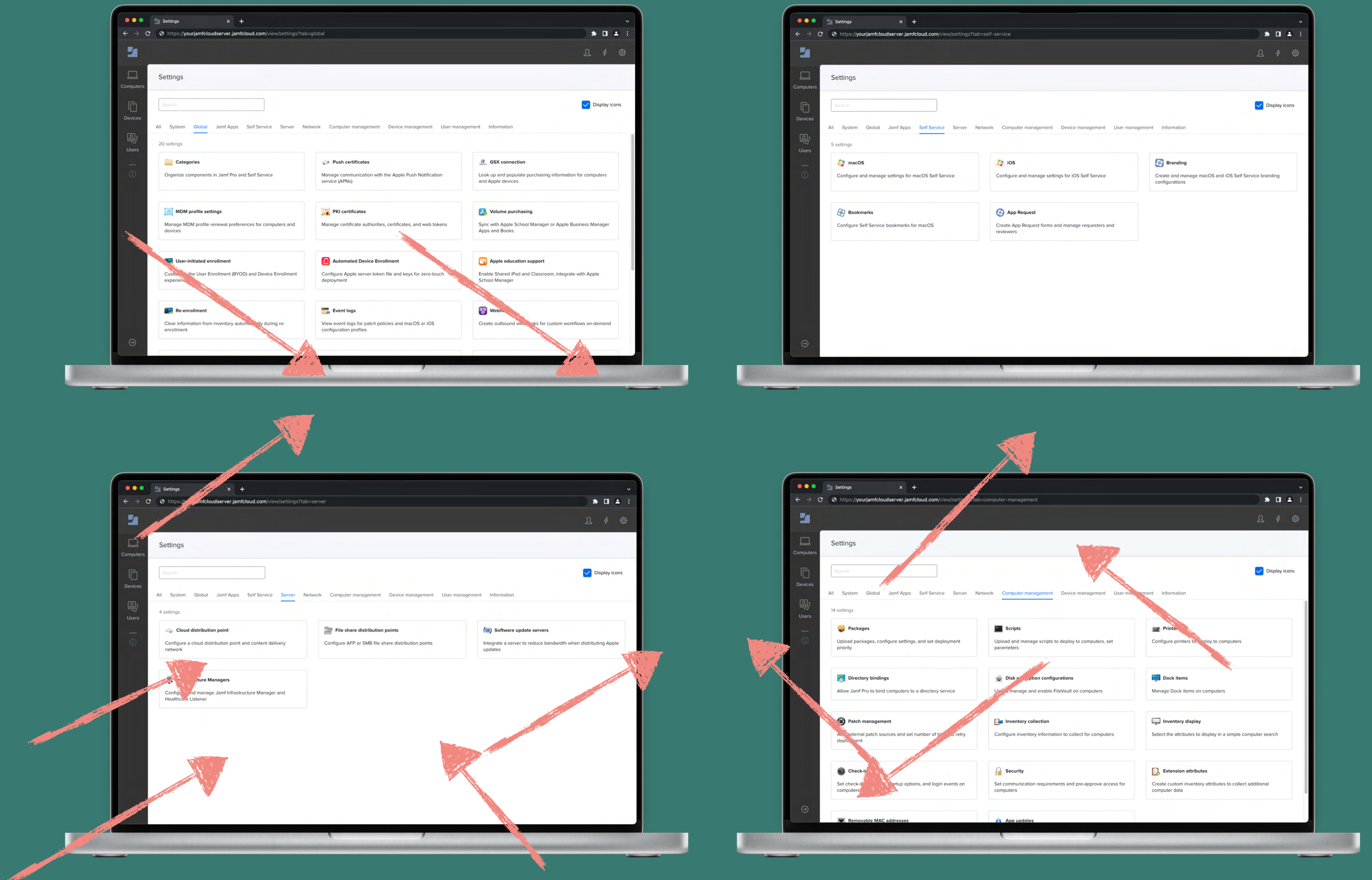
Follow a set guideline 📝 to get the base Jamf Pro settings configured the way you want.

- System:
 - User Accounts and SSO
 - Cloud Identity / LDAP Server
 - SMTP server and Notifications
 - Log flushing



...more Settings 🤪

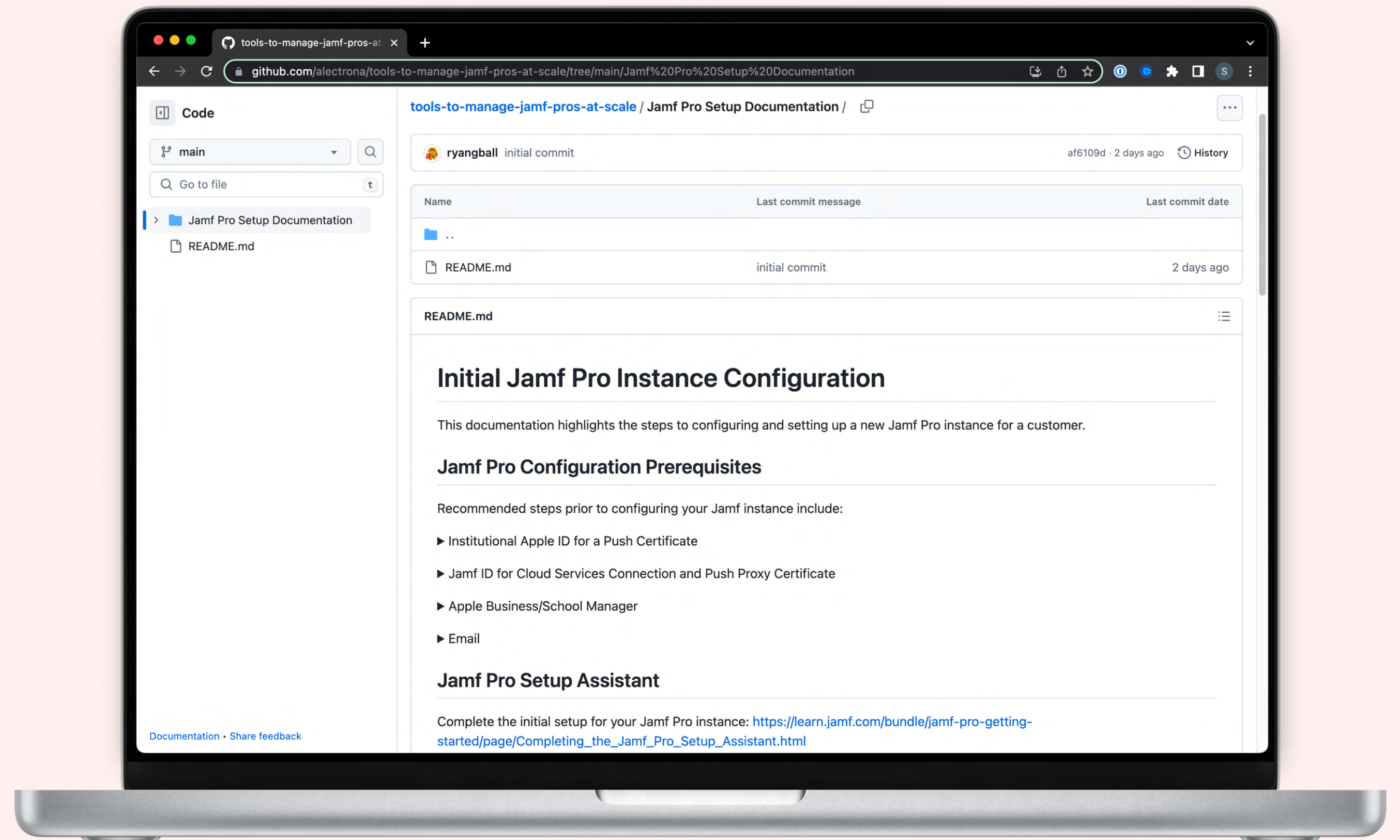
- Global
 - APNS certificate
 - Automated Device Enrollment & VPP
 - User Initiated Enrollment
 - Re-Enrollment
- Self Service
 - macOS
 - Branding
- Server
- Computer Management
 - Check-in
 - Inventory Collection
 - App Updates

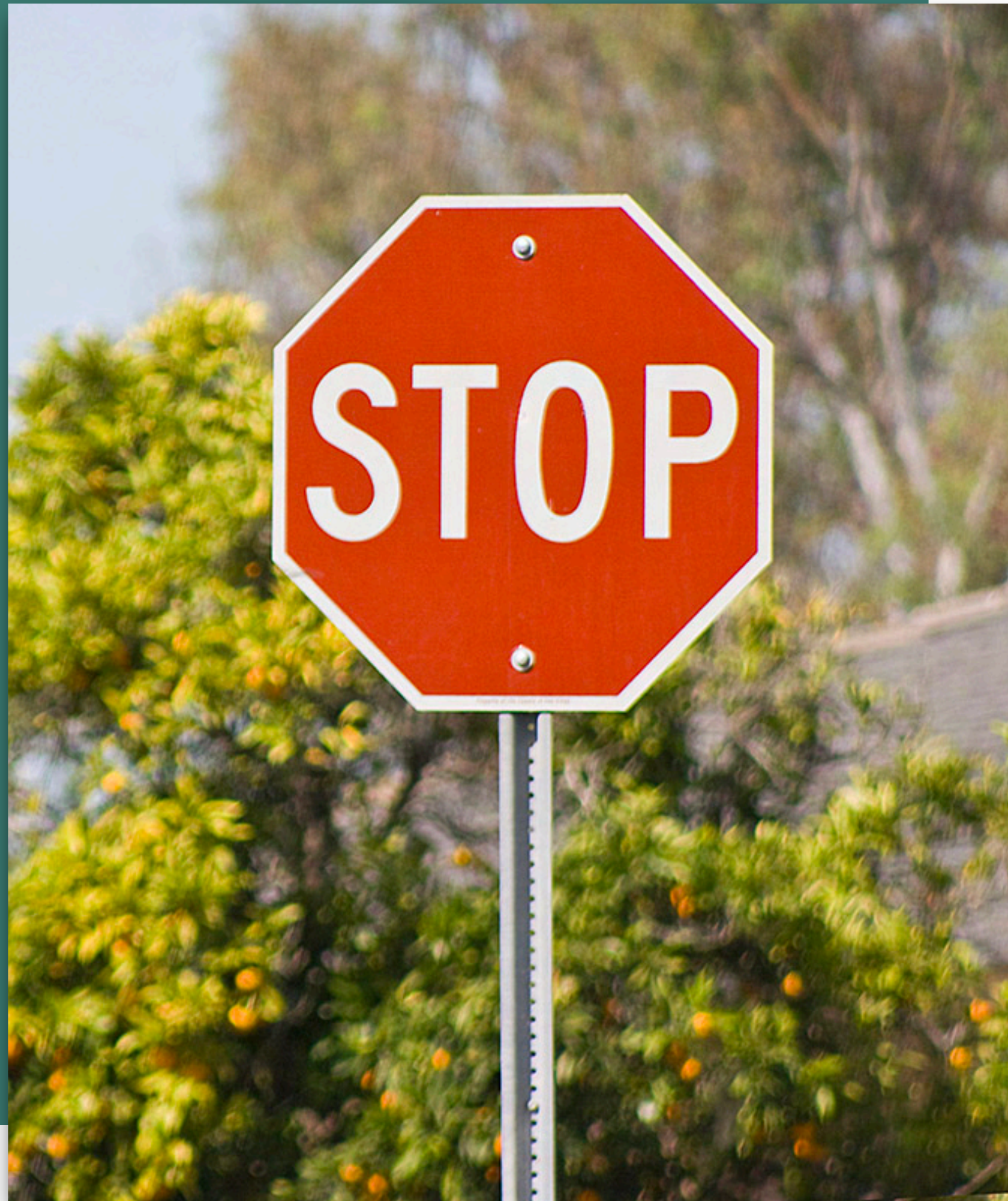


Here's a little something...

Free Documentation

On our GitHub repo, you'll find a detailed document covering our recommended settings for configuring a new Jamf Pro instance.






Don't Forget


- Set your preferred timezone, language, notification, search, and inventory display settings
- Set reminders to renew APNS, Automated Enrollment, and VPP tokens annually
- Create service/API accounts as needed
- Add this new instance any existing CI or process improvement workflow
- Discuss and plan end user enrollments

AllSystemGlobalJamf AppsSelf ServiceServerNetworkComputer managementDevice managementUser managementInformation


14 settings

**Packages**


Upload packages, configure settings, and set deployment priority

**Scripts**


Upload and manage scripts to deploy to computers, set parameters

**Printers**


Configure printers to deploy to computers

**Directory bindings**


Allow Jamf Pro to bind computers to a directory service

**Disk encryption configurations**


Use to manage and enable FileVault on computers

**Dock items**


Manage Dock items on computers

**Patch management**


Add external patch sources and set number of times to retry deployment

**Inventory collection**


Configure inventory information to collect for computers

**Inventory display**


Select the attributes to display in a simple computer search

**Check-in**


Set check-in frequency, startup options, and login events on computers

**Security**


Set communication requirements and pre-approve access for computers

**Extension attributes**

Create custom inventory attributes to collect additional computer data

**Removable MAC addresses**

Add MAC addresses to ignore when identifying computers

**App updates**

Configure automatic updates for volume purchased apps, force updates

Wait a minute!

What about ...

- Scripts?
- Extension Attributes?
- Policies?
- Packages?
- Restricted Software?!

Problem: Populating new Jamf Pro servers **consistently** can be daunting

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If you manage a lot of Jamf Pro servers and often provision new servers, you know that populating all of the objects in a new Jamf Pro server can be challenging.

Let us show you how to use a template Jamf Pro server to populate a new Jamf Pro server! 🤖

Jamf Migrator can save you heaps of **time**

A tool to migrate data granularly between Jamf Pro servers.

Maintained by Jamf

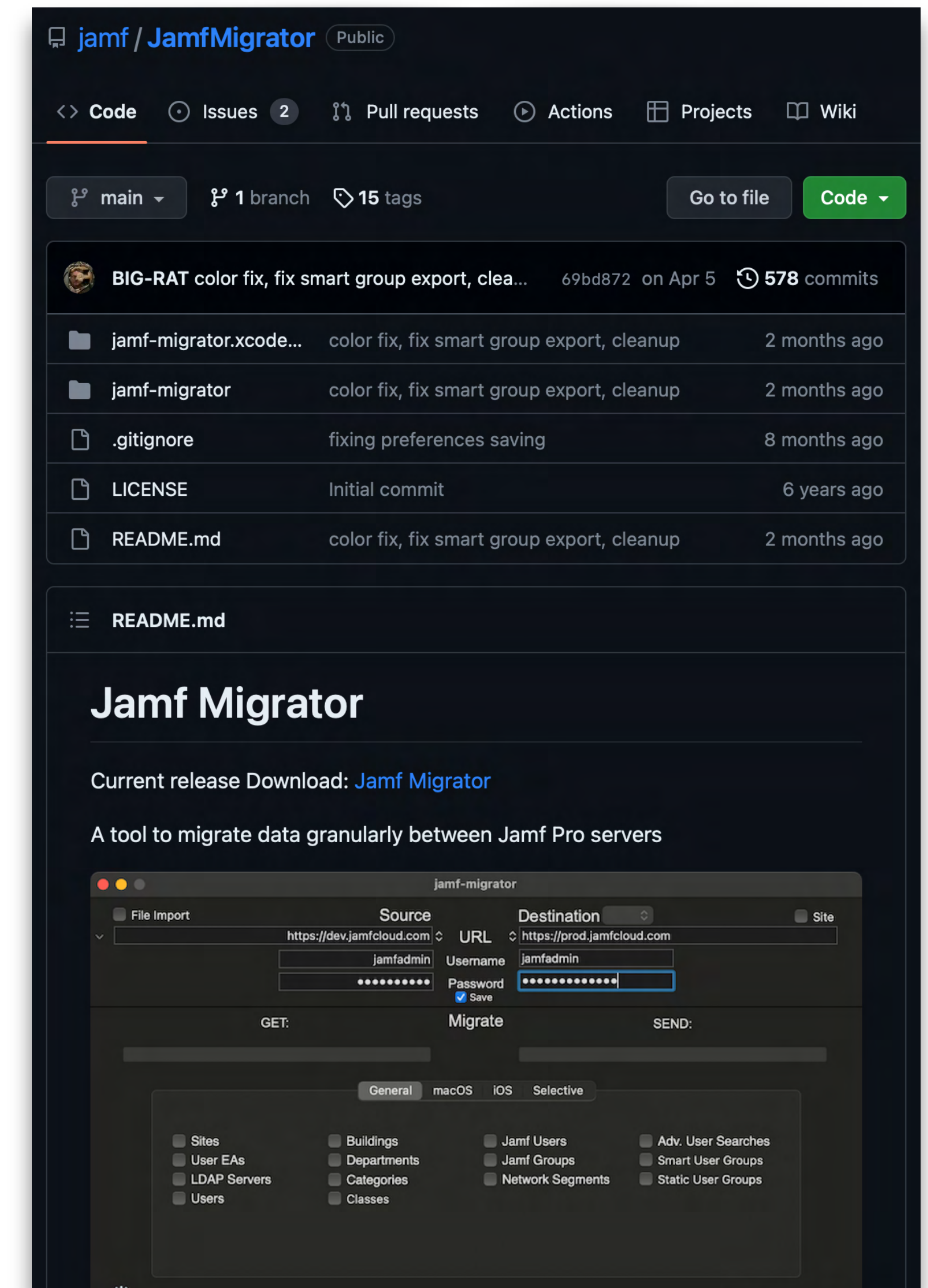
Regularly updated by Jamf to include new features and fixes.

You're in control

Choose exactly which objects you want to migrate.

Saves you time and money 💰

Populate of the low hanging fruit of a Jamf Pro server before moving on to the custom objects.



Disclaimer



This is not a Jamf Migrator tutorial



This is not about migrating a production Jamf Pro server to another



This is about the concept of leveraging a template Jamf Pro server and using it as a source for populating other Jamf Pro servers

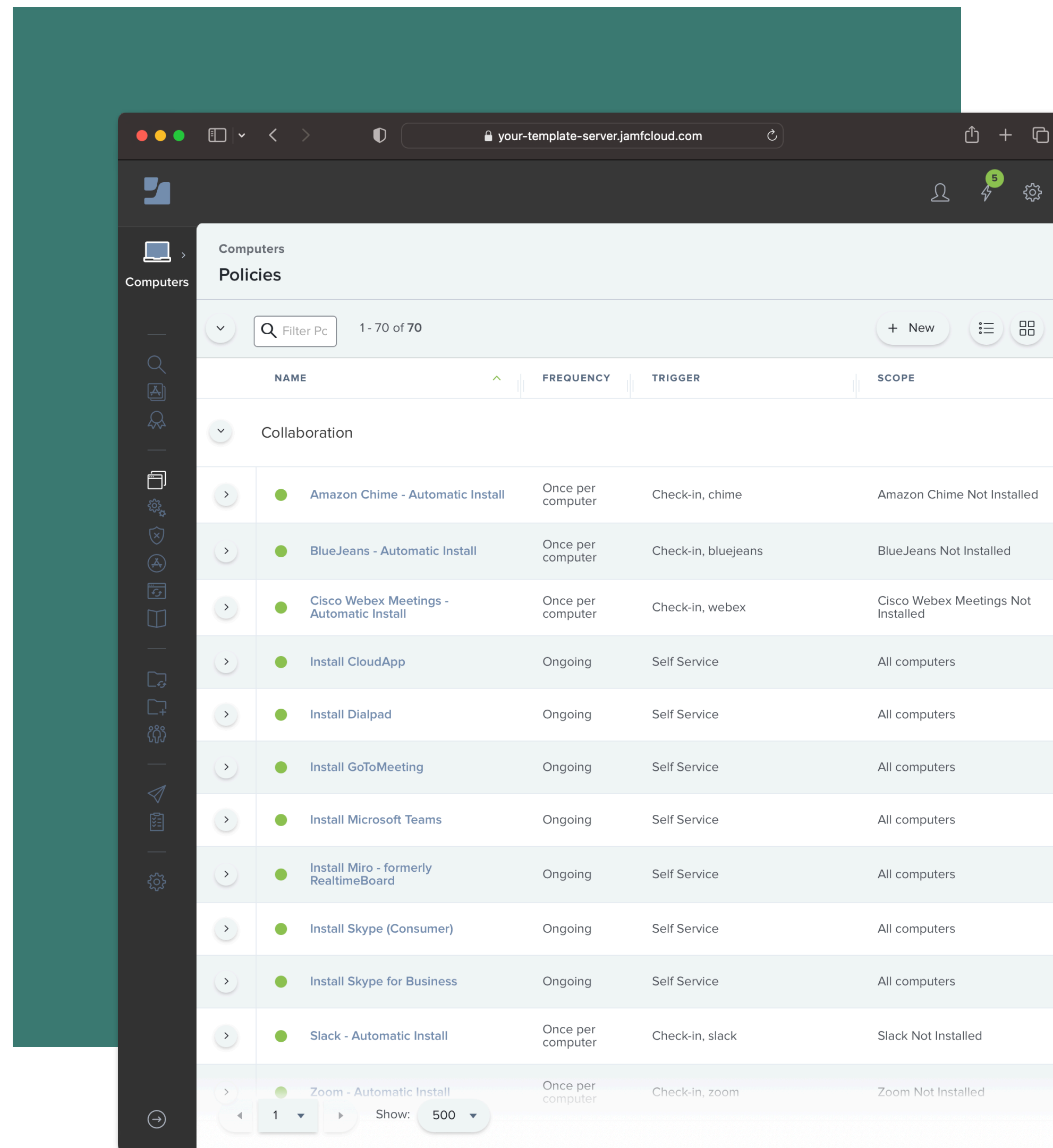
Spinning??

First, your template

Create a template Jamf Pro server that contains all of the **standard** objects that should exist in **every** Jamf Pro server you set up.

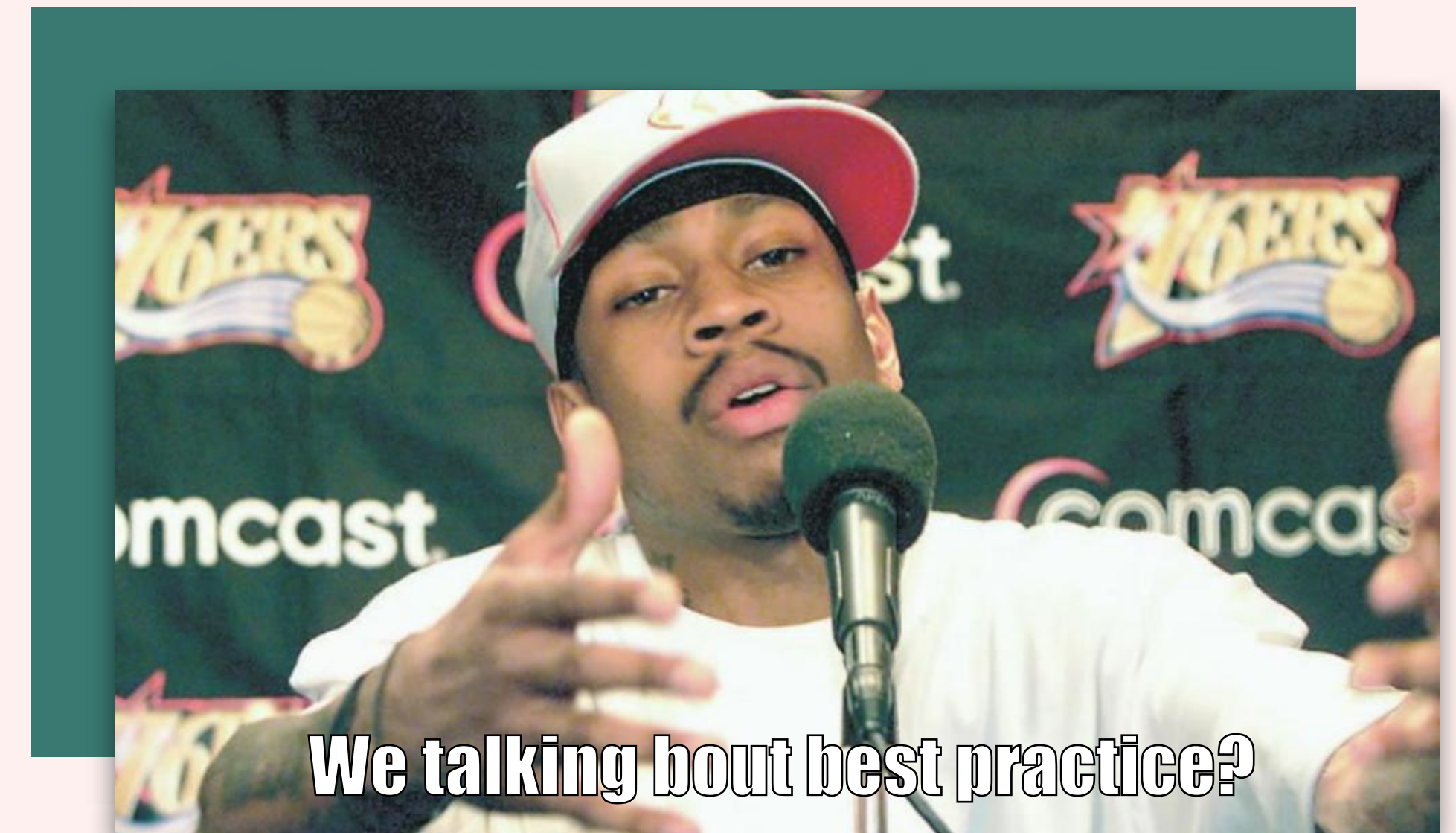
The template can include:

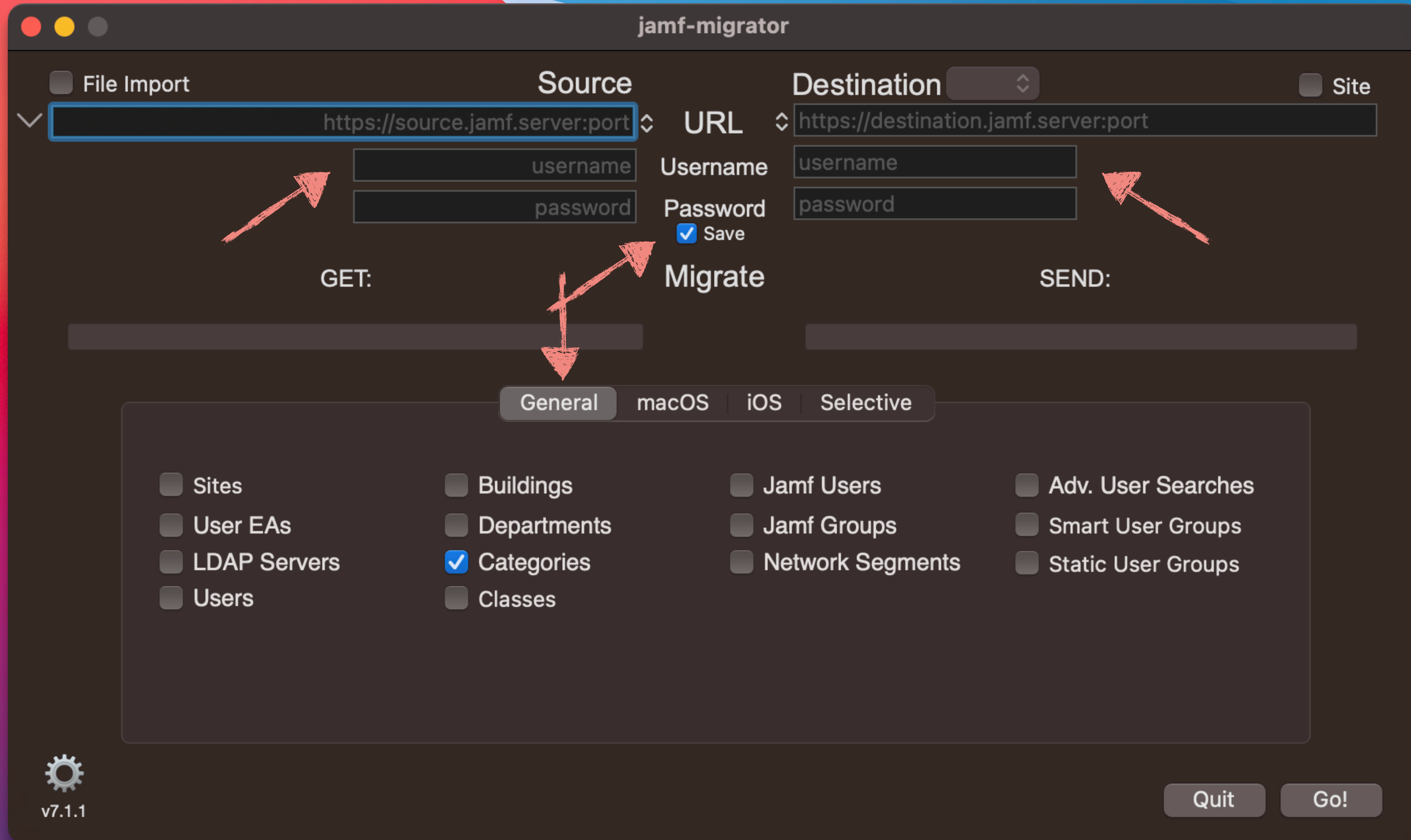
- Categories
- Extension Attributes
- Smart Computer Groups
- Scripts
- Policies
- Configuration Profiles
- ... and more



Template Best Practices

- The server should only contain generic objects that are safe to be used in another Jamf Pro server
- Everything should have a category, and categories should be as generic as possible
- Use a naming convention for Smart Groups and policies
- Don't assume everything can be migrated, see README for limitations
- Leave out objects that can't be migrated





jamf-migrator

File Import

Source

Destination

Site

https://source.jamf.server:port

username

password

URL

Username

Password

Save

https://destination.jamf.server:port

username

password

GET:

Migrate

SEND:

General

macOS

iOS

Selective

File Shares (network)

Directory Bindings

Dock Items

Computers

SUS

Extension Attributes

Scripts

Printers

Packages

Smart Groups

Static Groups

Restricted Software

Config. Profiles

Disk Encryptions

Applications

Adv. Comp. Searches

Policies

v7.1.1

Quit

Go!

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URL

Username

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iOS / tvOS

Filter...

Select object(s) migrate

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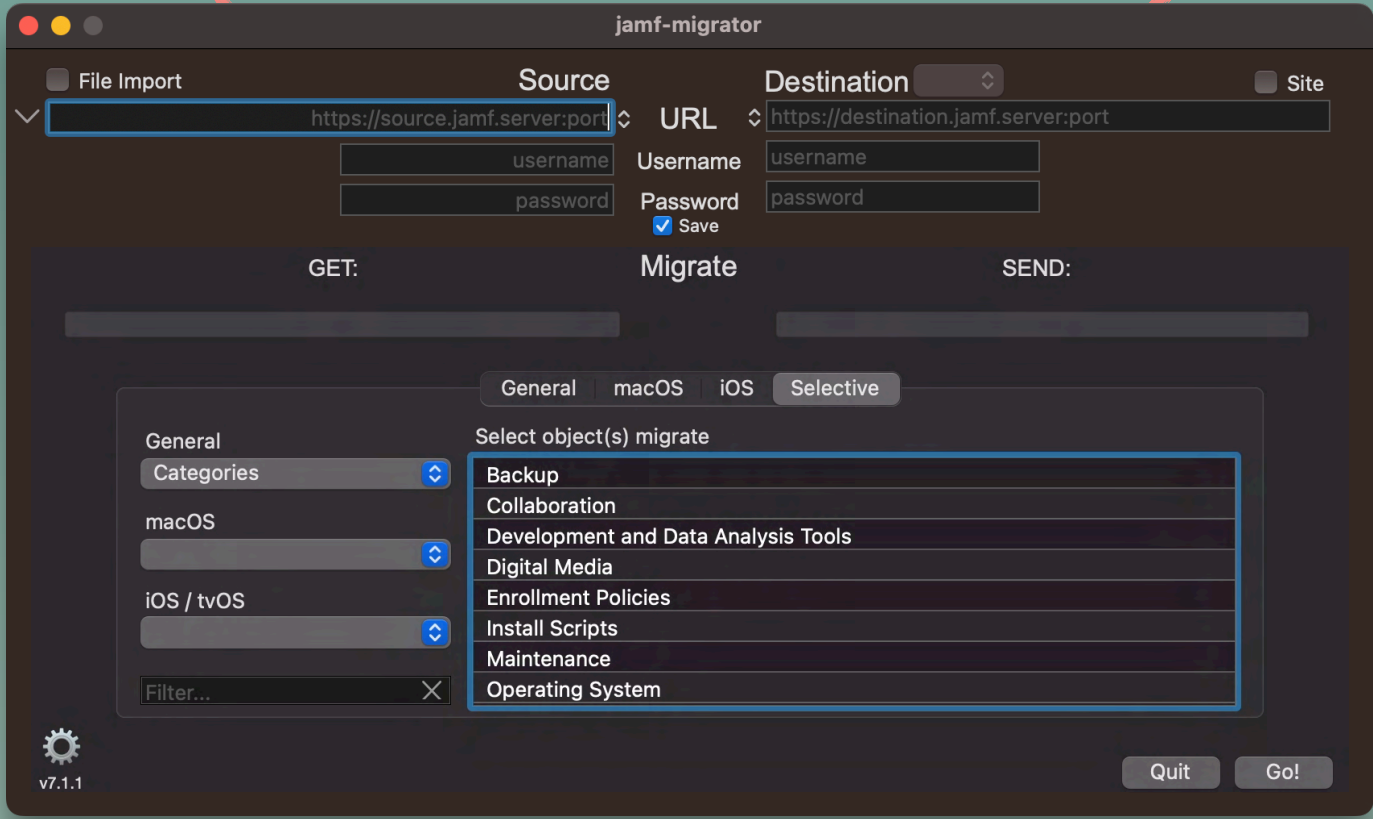
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Template

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New



Jamf Migrator



Alectrona Patch

Alectrona delivers ridiculously simple people, process, and security solutions for Apple-based businesses.

Automate Patch Security

Easy patch management on macOS - zero packaging required

Ready for Alectrona Patch to make you the security hero of your team?

Verizon's latest Data Breach Report (DBIR) shows how issues with application updates and other human errors are a primary cause of cybersecurity incidents. To avoid these issues, you must move enforcement into the hands of reliable, clear, and consistent automation. To defend against malware and the vulnerabilities which allow for it, using effective automation for patch management is your best defense.

Enter Alectrona Patch

Designed to reflect the familiar approach of the Apple App Store, Patch updates applications according to your preferences and requirements, giving you the best method to avoid zero day attacks and keep your environment secure.

Patch integrates with your existing management platform to enable fully automated processes and flexibility when you need it. Keep users happy without relying on them to keep their Macs up to date. It's the best of both worlds.

- > No more unpatched apps
- > Address third-party app vulnerabilities fast and automatically
- > Make your security team and your end users happy
- > Make patch compliance easy



This is what patching on the Mac should be. It is easy, automated, and well thought out. If you are like me and have made your own patch engine, then you will really appreciate the attention to detail and user experience!

Simon Carlson, Senior Endpoint Engineer, SiriusXM

350+ apps & growing
Install or upgrade over 350 Mac applications without the need for any packaging

Alectrona.com/patch

Just a quick note...

Packages?

Why don't we migrate packages with Jamf Migrator?

- Jamf Migrator only migrates package metadata.
- We don't use packages, we use **Alectrona Patch!**

With Alectrona Patch, we are able to:

- Configure patching in Jamf Pro servers in minutes.
- Set up both automatic and Self Service policies quickly.
- Eliminate packaging a bazillion software titles.
- We can be more efficient as a team managing a bunch of Jamf Pro servers.

Topic Review

Jamf Pro Server Templates

- Allows you to easily build-out the standardized objects in a new Jamf Pro server
- Promotes consistency and organization across your Jamf Pro server fleet
- Reduces the chance of human error
- Steps can be written out into a process that can be followed, so that junior admins can perform the work
- Like, a billion times faster than building the server out manually



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Scenario 1

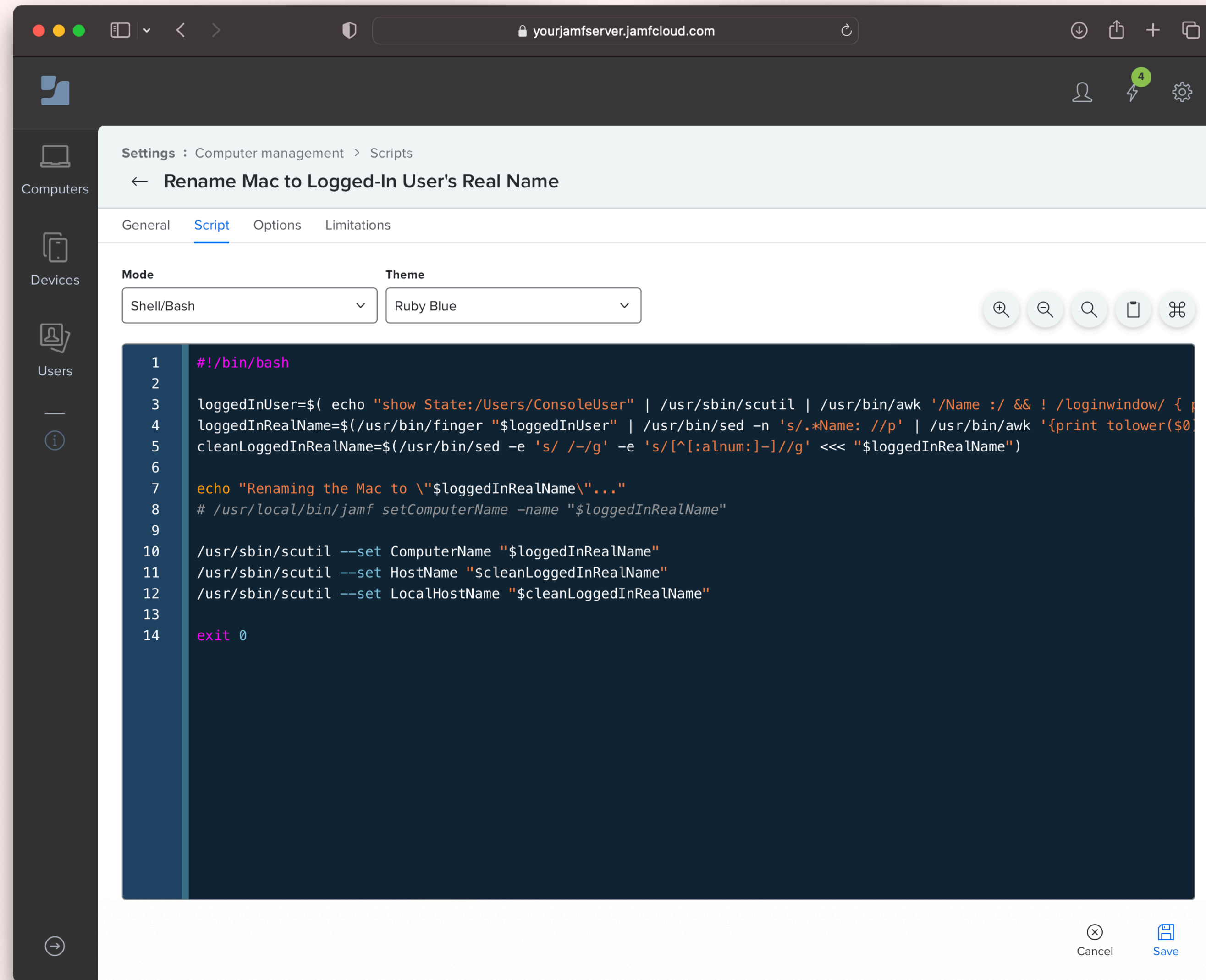
So, you've made an update to a script directly in Jamf Pro and now the script isn't working right. You want to revert back to an older version, but you don't have a copy of the old script.

Scenario 2

Your team manages 10, 20, 50 🤖 Jamf Pro servers and you want to update a script in every server. If the script doesn't exist on a server, you need to create it.

How did we get here?





We'll do it live!

Jamf Pro's script editor is great but it's not designed to effectively track or manage changes to code.

You are out of luck if you want to:

- Revert to an earlier version of a script.*
- Understand why a change was made.
- Know who approved the change.
- Make the change in multiple Jamf Pros.

We need to integrate
with source control!

Source Control

Source control (or version control) is the practice of tracking and managing changes to code.

- Every change to the code is tracked
- See the entire history of changes
- Roll back to an earlier version of code
- Serves as the source of truth



git4jamfpro brings source control and Jamf Pro **together** 💖

Replaces git2jss

A great (but aging) python library written by Adam Furbee

No Python Dependency

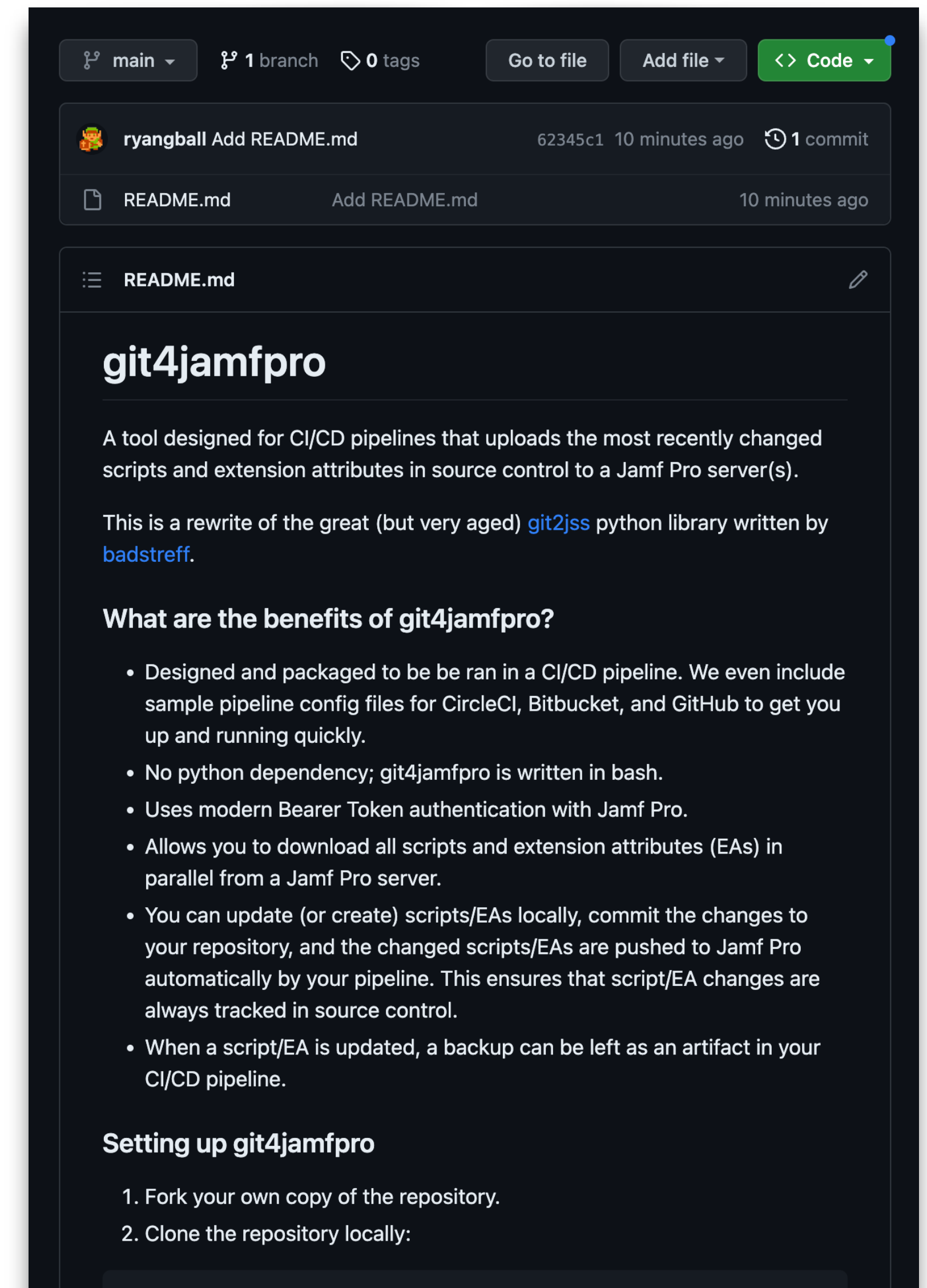
git4jamfpro is written in BASH

Perfect for CI/CD

Designed and packaged to be easily deployed in a CI/CD pipeline with fewer dependencies.

Modern Authentication to Jamf Pro

git4jamfpro uses Bearer Token authentication.

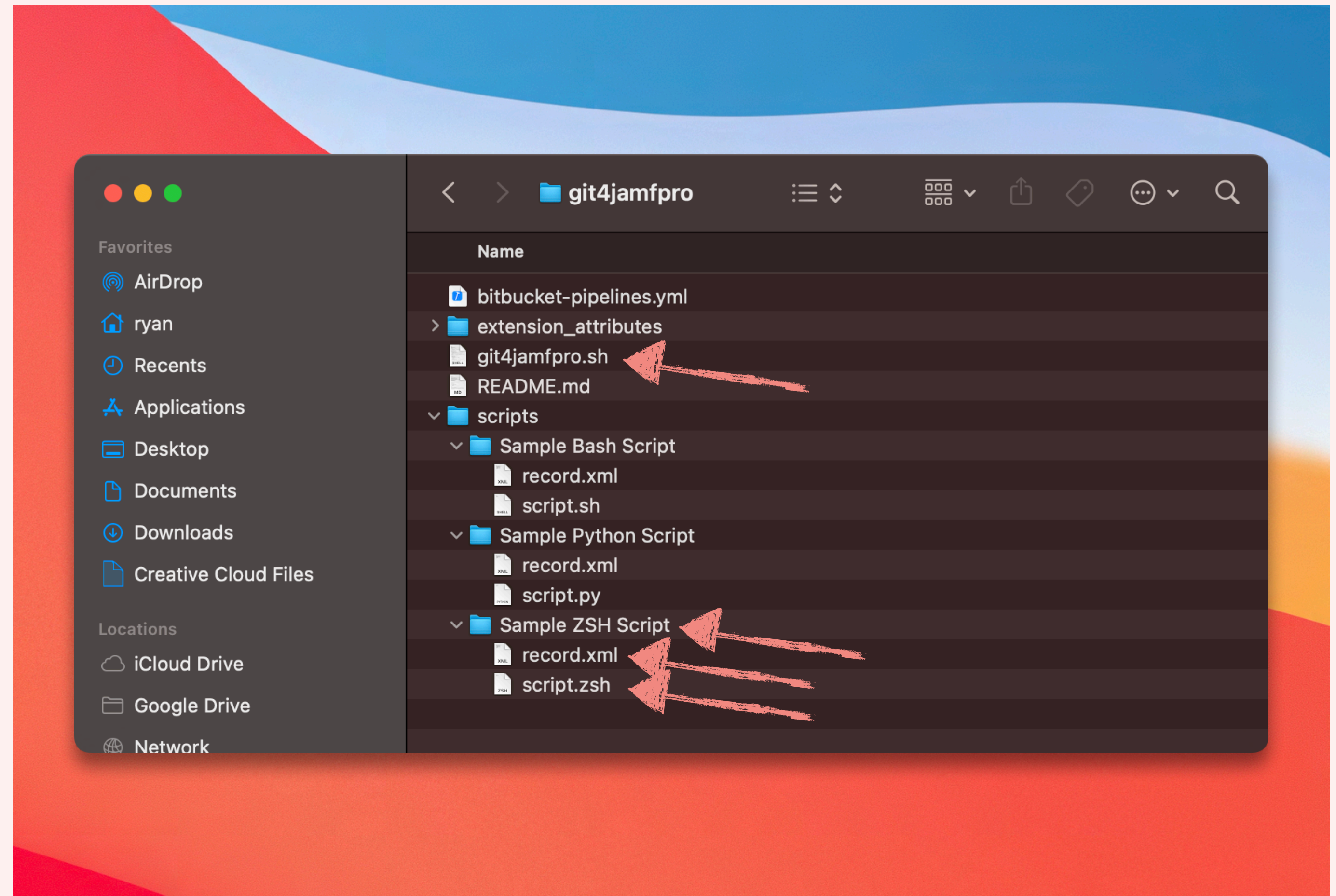


Repository Contents

Other than the `git4jamfpro.sh` script, there are a few sample scripts and EAs that you can use for testing in both the root “scripts” and “extension_attributes” folders.

These folders are also where your downloaded scripts/EAs are placed. For each script or EA you have:

- A subfolder that matches the script name
- The script file itself
- A `record.xml` file containing the xml record data



record.xml format

The record.xml file contains an xml representation of the script object from Jamf Pro including all the fields you can customize in the web app interface:

- Name
- Category
- Info
- Notes
- Priority
- Parameters
- OS Requirements 😂

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<script>
  <name>Sample ZSH Script</name>
  <category>No category assigned</category>
  <info>Information goes here.</info>
  <notes>Notes go here.</notes>
  <priority>After</priority>
  <parameters>
    <parameter4>Number 4</parameter4>
    <parameter5>Number 5</parameter5>
    <parameter6>Number 6</parameter6>
  </parameters>
  <os_requirements/>
</script>
```

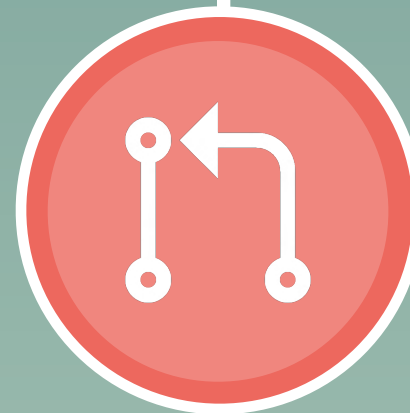
Jamf Pro Script Update **Process**

Using git4jamfpro!



Download scripts to your local git4jamfpro repo

```
./git4jamfpro.sh \  
--url <SERVER_URL> \  
--username <API_USER> \  
--password <API_PASS> \  
--download-scripts \  
--download-eas
```



Commit to your remote git4jamfpro repo

```
git commit -m "initial commit"
```

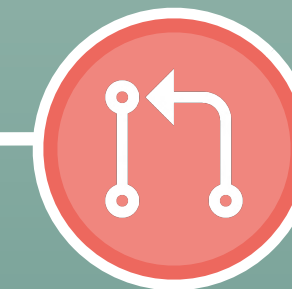
Identify
Change



Update and Test
Change



Push
Change



Updating
Scripts

The scripts in your remote git4jamfpro repo should now mirror what you have in Jamf Pro.

When a change is necessary, change your script files in your local git4jamfpro repo and push the changes to your remote repo in source control.



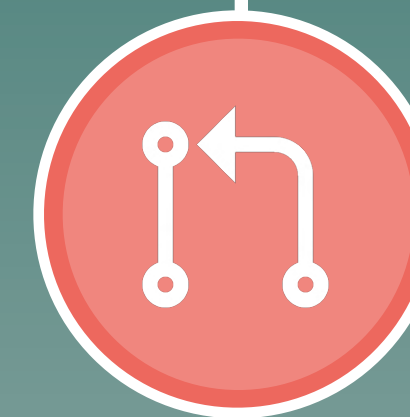
Updated in
Remote Repository

The real magic takes place when a CI/CD Pipeline is configured!

You *can* run the entire process locally with Terminal, but its not ideal (or as rad). 😎

git4jamfpro works by detecting the scripts or extension attributes that changed in your repo **between your last two commits**, so leveraging source control is a **requirement**.

Commit detected on
Master Branch



Your CI/CD platform detects the new commit and runs your configured pipeline.

Pipeline
Starts



git4jamfpro is executed as a step in the pipeline.

Changed scripts are automatically updated in your Jamf Pro server(s)

Topic Review

git4jamfpro

- Brings source control and Jamf Pro together. 🥰
- Allows for automating the update of Jamf Pro scripts and extension attributes across multiple Jamf Pro instances.
- Requires source control and determines the scripts and extension attributes to update based on changes between the last two commits.
- Allows for the concurrent download of scripts and extension attributes from a Jamf Pro server.
- Free, open-source, and made to be easy to set up in your CI/CD platform.

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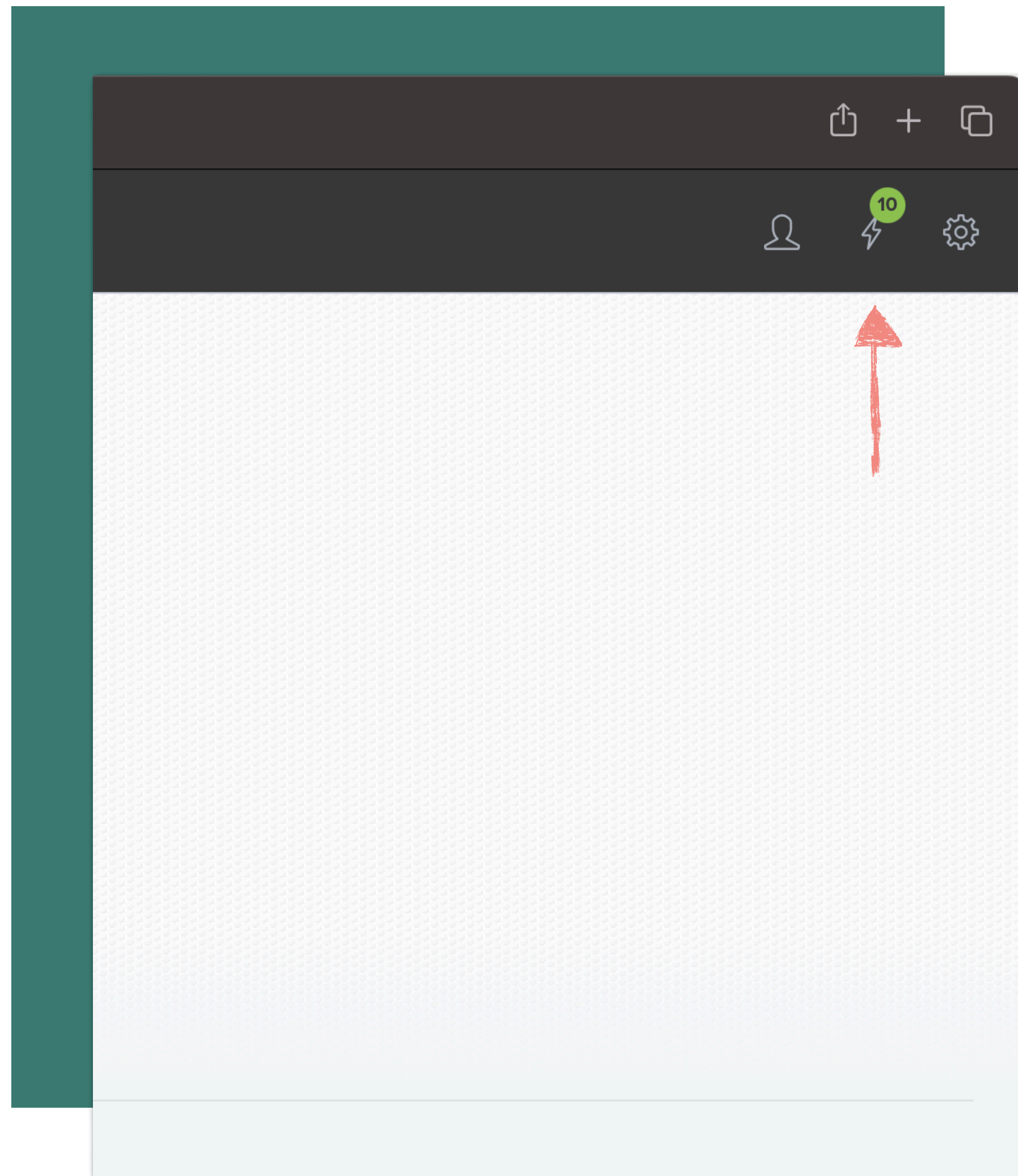
Have you ever let your Push Certificate expire because you didn't know when it needed to be renewed?

There are multitudes of notifications that can be shown in Jamf Pro's web app interface. Do you know how many there are?

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Do you manage too many Jamf Pro servers to depend on logging into Jamf Pro's web app interface to see these notifications?

We will show you how you can get a Slack message to let you know when you need to attend to all of these notifications!



Jamf Pro Notifications

In the top-right of Jamf Pro's toolbar you'll find your Jamf Pro notifications.

When you click this icon you can see your notifications and take some action if necessary.

But who wants to have to login to Jamf Pro just to see these... 🙄

Jamf Pro Notifications Alerter sends your Jamf Pro notifications to **Slack**

A tool designed for CI/CD pipelines that gets all Jamf Pro Notifications from a Jamf Pro server and posts them to Slack using a webhook.

A simple CLI tool

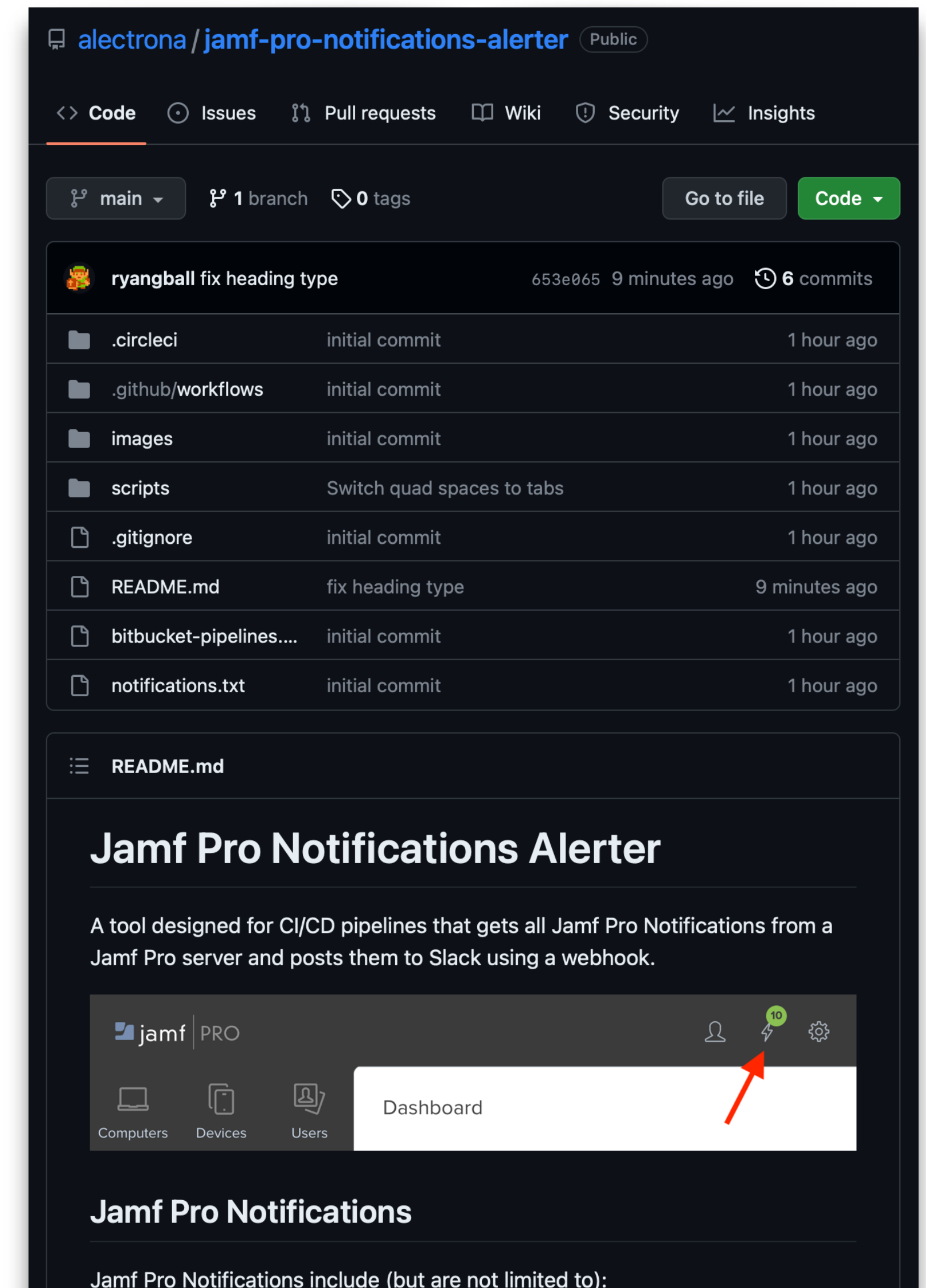
Written in BASH and a breeze to execute.

Run as Pipeline or locally

Designed for CI/CD pipelines but can be ran locally as well.

Make it yours

Allows you to easily customize which notifications to ignore.



Getting Notifications via API

You can get Jamf Pro notifications via the API like the image to the right.

Some of the notifications are:

- PUSH_CERT_WILL_EXPIRE
- SSO_CERT_WILL_EXPIRE
- GSX_CERT_WILL_EXPIRE
- APPLE_SCHOOL_MANAGER_T_C_NOT_SIGNED
- VPP_TOKEN_REVOKED



```
curl --request GET \  
  --url https://yourserver.jamfcloud.com/api/v1/notifications \  
  --header 'accept: application/json'
```

```
[
  {
    "id": "-1",
    "type": "VPP_ACCOUNT_WILL_EXPIRE",
    "params": {
      "name": "Alectrona ABM",
      "days": 31,
      "id": 1
    }
  },
  {
    "id": "-1",
    "type": "TOMCAT_SSL_CERT_EXPIRED",
    "params": {}
  }
]
```

The JSON response

The JSON response is an array of objects, each with:

- A notification type
- Optional parameters:
 - Name
 - Days until expiration

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Message #z-alerts-jamf-pro

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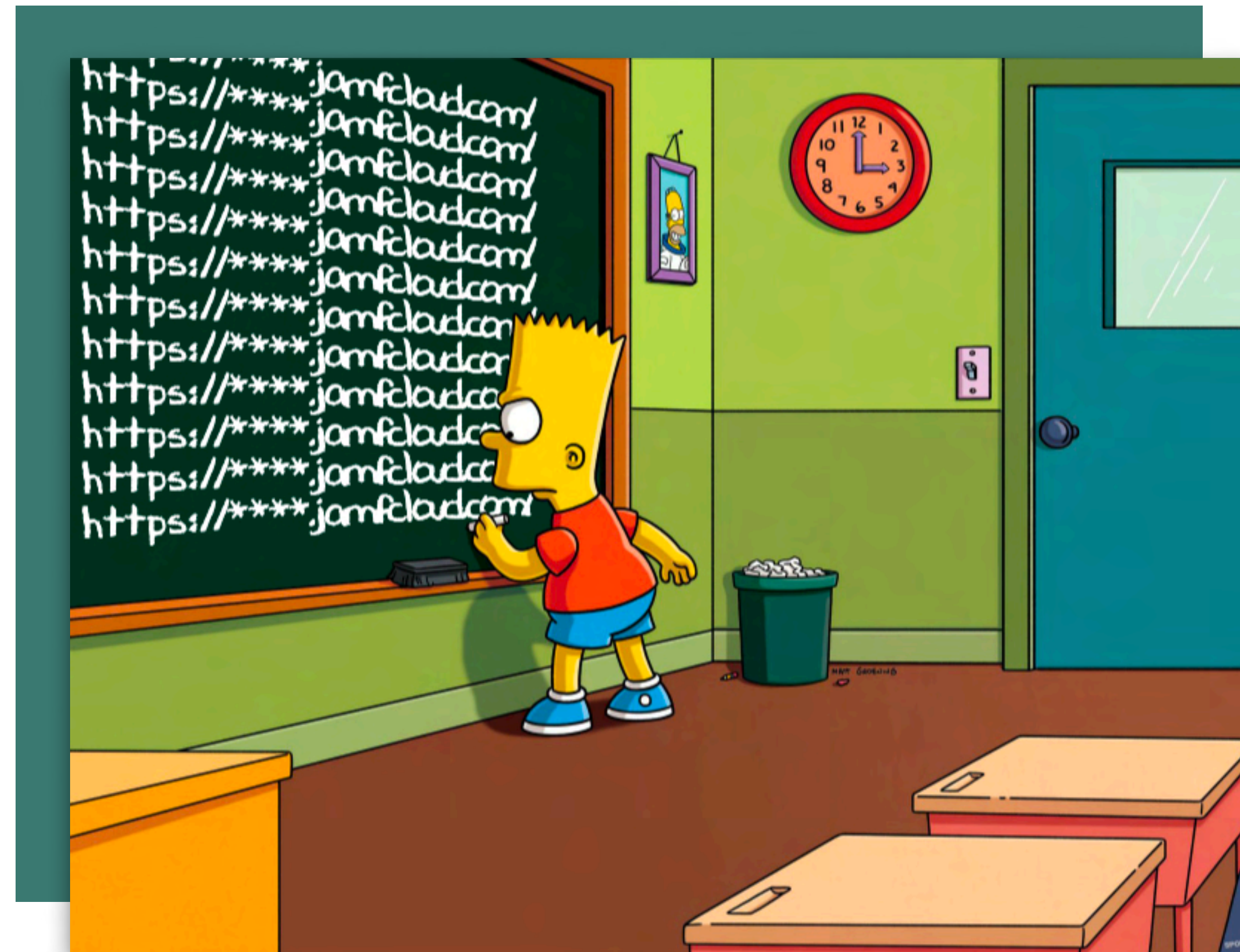
Topic Review

Jamf Pro Notifications Alerter

- Never miss another Jamf Pro cert or token expiration again.
- Post Jamf Pro Notifications in a Slack channel for each of your Jamf Pro servers.
- Slack message includes the Jamf Pro URL, the Jamf Pro Notification name, and how many days until the cert/token expires.
- Free, open-source, and made to be easy to set up in your CI/CD platform.

Problem: I don't want to type the
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Parameter Labels Labels to use for script parameters. Parameters 1 through 3 are predefined as mount point, computer name, and username

Parameter 4

Parameter 5

Parameter 6

Parameter 7

Parameter 8

Parameter 9

Parameter 10

Parameter 11

Modular Scripts

Leverage Jamf Variables



Jamf Pro Parameters

DEPNotify Automated Enrollment

```
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companyLogoURL="$5"    # Company Logo URL
policyDetailString="$6" # Policy Detail String
checkOSUpdates="$7"    # Check macOS Updates (true/false)
demoteLoggedInUser="$8" # Demote Logged-In User (true/false)
dryRun="$9"            # Run the workflow without making changes (true/false)
```

SetupYourMac Automated Enrollment

```
debugMode="$${4:-"true"}" # [ true (default) | false ]
welcomeDialog="$${5:-"false"}" # [ true (default) | false ]
completionActionOption="$${6:-"wait"}" # [ wait | sleep (with seconds) | Shut Down | Restart
policyArrayJSONURL="$7" # [https://your.available.url.json]
```

Remediate Jamf Protect

```
protectTenant="$4"
protectGUID="$5"
```

Computers : Policies


← Jamf Variables


Options


Scope


Self Service


User Interaction


General


Packages
0 Packages


Software Updates
Not Configured


Scripts
1 Script


Printers
0 Printers

Disk Encryption
Not Configured

Dock Items
0 Dock Items

Local Accounts
0 Accounts

Management Accounts
Not Configured

Directory Bindings
0 Bindings

Scripts

Jamf Variables

Priority

Priority to use for running the script in relation to other actions

After

Parameter Values

Values for script parameters. Parameters 1–3 are predefined as mount point, computer name, and username

Company

Company Logo URL

Policy Detail String

Check macOS Updates (true/false)

Demote Logged-In User (true/false)

Run the workflow without making changes (true/false)



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Debug Mode [true (default)|false]

Show Welcome Dialog [true (default)|false]

Completion Acton [wait|sleep (with seconds)|Shut Down|Restart]

JSON Policy Array (https://your.available.url.json)



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Jamf Protect TenantID

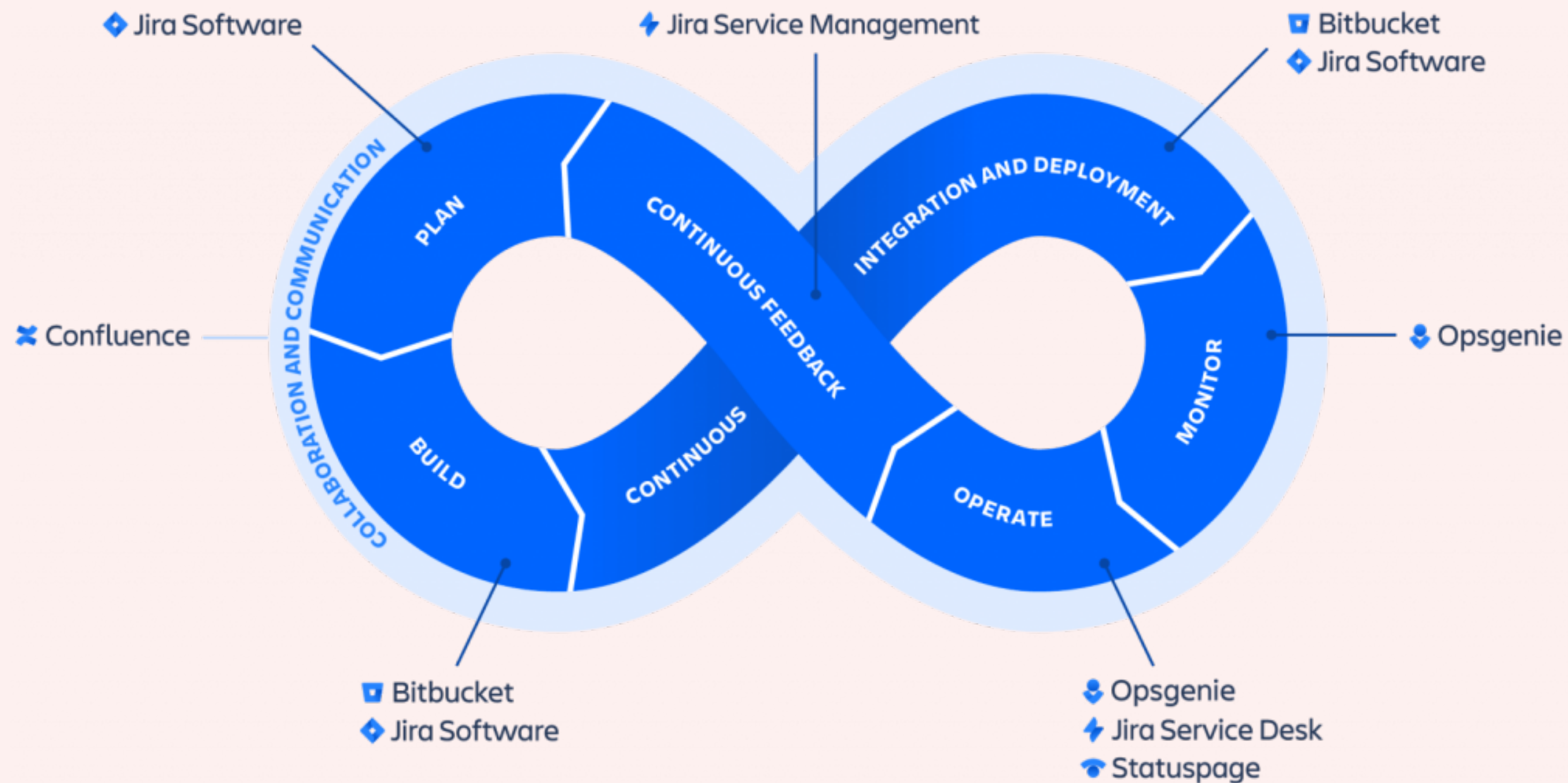
Jamf Protect GUID

Problem: Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes

Problem: Ch-ch-ch-changes



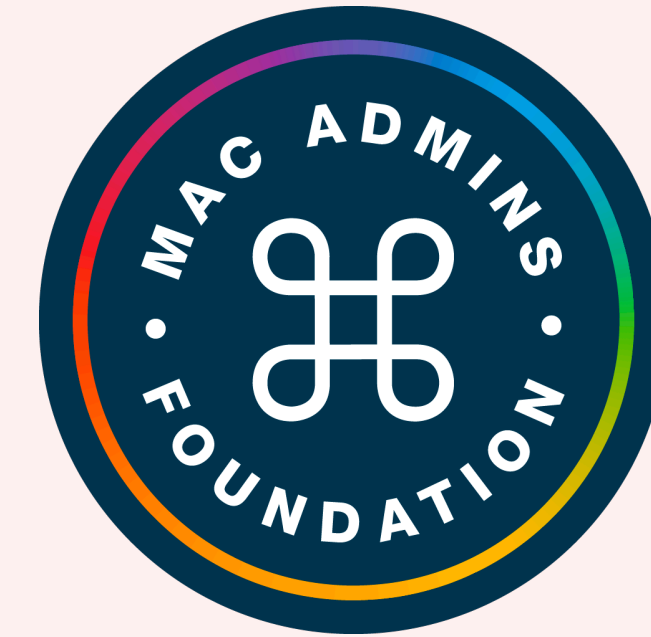
We are doing all of this, but we need to keep a record of all the changes. Something new is out, what do we do?



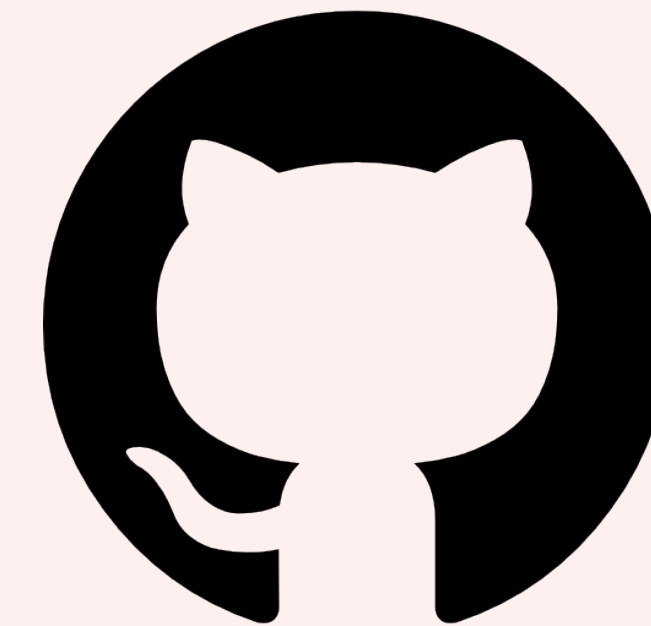
Continuous Improvement

Internal tracking, Apple community involvement, organizational tools

MacAdmins Slack



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Improvement

- Ticket Tracking
- Sprints
- Code Review
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The screenshot displays the Rocket desk service desk interface. On the left, a sidebar shows the project 'Rocket desk' and a list of ticket types: 'Service requests' (selected), 'Incidents', 'Problems', and 'Changes'. The main area shows a ticket titled 'Need new laptop' with a status of 'In progress'. The ticket was raised by Annika Rang via the Portal. The description states: 'What do you need help with? I dropped coffe on my laptop and the dog chewed the screen off. New MacBook Pro 16" please :)'. The 'Requested hardware' section lists 'Magic mouse' and 'MacBook Pro 16"'. Below this, a table provides details about the asset user, status, serial number, version, renewal date, and hardware specifications. On the right, a sidebar shows SLAs (48m time to first response, 6h 3m time to resolution), assignee (Oleg Jobbs), reporter (Annika Rang), request type (Service request), priority (Major), labels (None), knowledge base (2 related articles), request language (English), and request participants (Zlatica Chalupka, Andres Ramos, Stefanie Auer).

Rocket desk
Service desk project

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Ticket types

- Service requests
- Incidents
- Problems
- Changes

Need new laptop

Create subtask Link issue

Annika Rang raised this request via Portal [View request in portal](#) [Hide details](#)

What do you need help with?

I dropped coffe on my laptop and the dog chewed the screen off. New MacBook Pro 16" please :)

Requested hardware

- Magic mouse
- MacBook Pro 16"

Asset user	JDawg Dizzle
Asset status	ACTIVE
Serial number	1234567890
Version	1234567890
Renewal date	20 Feb 2023
Hardware	1TB SSD 16GB of 2666MHz DDR4 onboard memory AMD Radeon Pro 5500M with 4GB of GDD...

SLAs

- 48m ✓ Time to first response within 8h
- 6h 3m ⌚ Time to resolution within 24h

Assignee Oleg Jobbs

Reporter Annika Rang

Request type Service request

Priority Major

Labels None

Knowledge base 2 related articles

Request language English

Request participant Zlatica Chalupka, Andres Ramos, Stefanie Auer

We made it **easy**

All of our open source tools that we talked about today are available in our GitHub:

- Jamf Pro Setup Sample Documentation
- git4jamfpro *
- Jamf Pro Notifications Alerter *
- Sample Modular Scripts



Thank You


We'd love to connect and discuss this topic more!

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